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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6920**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1170

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 29, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Community Revitalization Enhancement Districts Tax Credits.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Moses

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
☒ **DEDICATED**  
☐ **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill provides that a taxpayer that is otherwise entitled to a Community Revitalization Enhancement District (CRED) Tax Credit may claim the credit regardless of whether any incremental income taxes or sales taxes have been deposited in the incremental tax financing fund established for the CRED or have been allocated to the CRED. The bill provides that a CRED must terminate not later than 15 years after incremental income or sales taxes are first allocated to the CRED. The bill also provides that if the Budget Agency fails to act on an ordinance or a resolution designating a CRED within 120 days, the ordinance or resolution is considered approved. It permits an advisory commission on industrial development or the executive of a municipality or county to petition the Budget Agency for permission to modify the boundaries of a CRED.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2004.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The State Budget Committee and State Budget Agency must review proposed boundary modifications for Community Revitalization Enhancement Districts (CREDs). The Department of State Revenue (DOR) must calculate the base income tax amount and the base gross retail amount for areas added to a CRED under an approved boundary modification.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** The bill provides that a taxpayer who is otherwise entitled to the Community Revitalization Enhancement District Tax Credit for a taxable year may claim the credit regardless of whether incremental income or sales tax revenue has been: (1) deposited in an incremental tax financing fund or (2) allocated to the CRED. This provision is expected to result in no fiscal impact, as current statute does not prohibit a taxpayer from claiming the credit under the conditions specified above in (1) and (2).

Under current statute, a taxpayer who makes a qualified investment for the redevelopment or rehabilitation of property located within a CRED is entitled to the Community Revitalization Tax Credit. The tax credit is based on 25% of the qualified investment. The expenditures must be made under a plan adopted by an advisory commission on industrial development and approved by the Department of Commerce. The tax credit may be used to reduce the taxpayer's tax liability against the Adjusted Gross Income Tax, CAGIT, COIT, CEDIT, the Insurance Premiums Tax, and the Financial Institutions Tax. A taxpayer is not entitled to a credit if they substantially reduce or cease to operate in another area of the state in order to relocate within the district.

### **Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** The bill would allow an existing CRED to be expanded, provided the State Budget Committee and the State Budget Agency find that the CRED, considering the area to be added to it, meets the criteria required for CRED designation. However, the bill also provides that if the Budget Agency fails to act on the petition for expansion within 120 days, the CRED expansion is considered approved. The bill requires the advisory commission on industrial development or the county or municipal legislative body that designated the CRED to submit a petition for approval of the boundary modifications to the State Budget Committee and State Budget Agency. The bill specifies a method to be used by the DOR to determine the gross retail and income tax base period amounts for the area added to a CRED. The bill also specifies deadlines within which this determination must be made. The impact of this change is indeterminable, but would depend on the potential for expansion of the CREDs currently operating or those that may operate in the future.

The bill also changes the expiration of a CRED from 15 years from the time of designation to 15 years after incremental income or sales taxes are allocated to the CRED. Depending upon the time that elapses from the time of designation to the time at which incremental income or sales tax revenue is generated in a CRED, this change could potentially increase the number of years that incremental revenue is diverted to a CRED.

*Background:* Current statute authorizes the designation of CREDs in the City of Marion and municipalities in Allen, Delaware, Monroe, and St. Joseph Counties. P.L. 224-2003 also authorized the City of Indianapolis and all second class cities to designate CREDs. CREDs have been established in Bloomington, Marion, and South Bend. Only two distributions of incremental sales and income taxes have been made. Bloomington has received \$492,005, and Marion has received \$24,241.

CREDs may be designated by an advisory commission on industrial development or, under certain circumstances, by the legislative body of a county or municipality. The resolution designating the CRED must be submitted to the Budget Committee for review and recommendation to the State Budget Agency (SBA). CREDs are authorized to capture incremental income and sales tax revenue generated within the district. However, the allocations may be made only if the resolution designating the CRED is approved by the SBA. The following taxes may be allocated to a CRED: Gross Retail and Use Taxes, the Adjusted Gross Income Tax, and CAGIT, COIT, and CEDIT. Incremental tax allocations to CREDs designated under P.L. 224-2003 are limited to 75% of the incremental tax revenue up to \$750,000 per year. Allocations to other CREDs are limited to \$1.0 M per year in incremental tax revenues. This revenue is to be deposited in the Industrial Development Fund of the city designating the CRED. A CRED is limited to 15 years at the time of designation. Current law also allows all taxing units, except townships, to impose a levy for the Industrial Development Fund at a rate of up to \$0.0167 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The proceeds from the tax levy may be pledged for the payment of bonds and obligations issued in a CRED.

**State Agencies Affected:** State Budget Committee; State Budget Agency; Department of State Revenue.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Cities with CREDs.

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